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Rome, May 15. N. S.

A Consistory was held last Monday, in which the Pope declared, That he had appointed Cardinal *d'Aste* to be Legate of Urbino, and had made Signior *Caraccioli*, his Nuncio to the Court of Florence, Bishop of *Theſſalonica*. The Great Duke of *Tuſcany* is ſhortly expected here; He comes by Sea from *Leghorne*, and the Pope intends to meet his Highneſs at *Nettuno*, and has ordered every thing to be got ready for this Journey. The Prince of *Parma*, and the three Princes *Sobiesky*, Sons to the late King of *Poland*, are returned hither from *Naples*. Signior *Pignarelli*, the Pope's Nuncio to the Crown of *Poland*, has begun his Journey thither. The Cardinal *de Bouillon* has received Orders from the Moſt Chriſtian King to return to *France*.

From the Saxon Camp before *Riga*, May 16. N. S. The Succours ſent from *Finland* to the Relief of *Riga* being come to *Wenden*, about 9 or 10 miles from hence, were there joined by ſome other *Swediſh* Troops, which made them about 12000 ſtrong. They divided themſelves in three Bodies, and continued their March from *Wenden* on the 14th Inſtant. Major-General *Patcull* (who in the Abſence of General *Fleming* has the Chief Command of the *Saxon* Forces) was adviſed of the Enemy's Motions, and thereupon ſent out ſeveral Parties yeſterday morning to get further Intelligence, who having met one of their advanced Parties about two miles from our Retrenchments, engaged them, and brought back ſome Priſoners, who being examin'd gave an Account, that the *Finlanders* intended to attack the Poſts we had on the other ſide of the River laſt night or this morning; Which Advice was confirmed by ſome intercepted Letters from Lieutenant-General *Frolich*, who Commands the *Swediſh* Succours, to the Governor of *Riga*; And we were further informed, that at the time theſe Troops attacked us, the Gaſſarion were to make a Sally, and to ſend out ſeveral Boats with Soldiers to ruin our Bridge, by which means our Retreat would have been cut off. The Major-General immediately called a Council of War, and 'twas thought adviſable, in regard the number of our Forces was too ſmall to defend our Retrenchments, ſorthwith to abandon them; So all the Troops were ordered to repair to *Jenſerenhoff*, a Poſt at the Head of our Bridge over the *Dwina*, and the Baggage, Artillery, and Ammunition being firſt ſent over, the Troops repaſſed the River, and broke down the Bridge after them, and we are now encamped not far from the Town on this ſide the *Dwina*.

Mittaw, May 21. Our laſt Letters from *Livonia* confirm the Advice we had received before, that the *Saxons* upon the approach of the *Swediſh* Forces from *Finland*, were obliged to quit their Poſts on the other ſide the *Dwina*, and to repaſs the River in ſuch haſte, that they threw 6 Pieces of their Cannon into the Water, and left behind them a good quantity of Proviſions and Ammunition. Several Mortars and Pieces of Cannon are brought hither from their Camp, and 'tis ſaid,

they are ſending away the reſt of their heavy Artillery and Baggage. The *Saxons* complain very much of the Proceedings of Prince *Sapieha*, the Great General of *Lithuania*, who, they ſay, had promiſed to ſend the Forces under his Command to their Aſſiſtance, which, (conſidering how advantageous the Poſts were which they were poſſeſſed of on the other ſide the *Dwina*, and how well they had fortified them) would have enabled them to have kept off the Succours from *Finland*, and to have blocked up the Town at the ſame time ſo cloſely, that the Beſieged could not have been ſupplied with any Proviſions, ſo that they might have reduced them by Famine.

Warſaw, May 22. On the 18th Inſtant a Great Council was held, in which the Articles to be debated in the Senate were drawn up, and 'twas reſolved, that the Senate ſhould meet yeſterday; But the King of *Poland* being informed, that Prince *Sapieha* Great General of *Lithuania*, the Under-General the Weywode of *Polock*, and ſeveral other Perſons of principal Quality of that Dutchy, will be here in few days; He has ordered this Aſſembly to be put off till the 25th. In the mean time, Copies of the Articles above-mentioned have been delivered to the Senators that are in Town, that they may have time to conſider thereof, and particularly of what relates to the Buſineſs of *Livonia*, which gives moſt of them no ſmall Perplexity, being on one ſide unwilling to diſoblige the King, and on the other to conſent that the Republick of *Poland* ſhould engage in a War againſt *Sweden*, eſpecially at this time, when the Publick Treafure is ſo exhauſted by the late War againſt the *Turks*. And the Gentlemen of the ſeveral Palatinates in this Kingdom have had Meetings on the occaſion of the preſent juncture of Affairs, and have ſent Deputies hither to obſerve what paſſes in the Senate. However the King's Horſe-Guards, together with a Regiment of Horſe and a Regiment of Dragoons, which were quartered in the Neighbourhood of this Place, marched this week to *Livonia*, and more Forces are marching thither from *Saxony*. The *Sieur Wapowski*, whom the King ſent to the Weywode of *Sandomir*, and to ſome other Gentlemen of *Poland*, to borrow of them a conſiderable Sum of Money, is returned, without having ſucceeded in this Negotiation. The Envoy of *Tartary* had Audience yeſterday of the King, and preſented him, in the Name of the Cham his Maſter, with ſeveral very fine Horſes.

Dantzick, May 26. The *Swediſh* Reſident in this City has aſſured the Senate, that the King his Maſter does not intend to give them any diſturbance in their Trade, and has accordingly given Orders to his Men of War, not to ſtop, or any other way moleſt the Ships belonging to this City. The Letters from *Warſaw* ſay, the Cardinal Priſtate, and the principal Senators and great Officers of the Crown, have received Letters from the King of *Sweden*, repreſenting to them the Injuſtice of the War which the King of *Poland* has begun againſt him, and deſiring to know, whether the Republick will take any part therein, that he may govern himſelf accordingly.

Stockholme, May 22. The King of *Sweden* continues at *Malmoe*, and 'tis ſaid, will ſhortly go from thence to *Gottenbourg*. The Duke of *Holſtein Gottorp* went yeſterday to wait on the King at *Malmoe*. The *Swediſh* Fleet which is fitting out at *Carellſtroome*, will be ready to ſail in few days. We have Letters from *Revel* in *Livonia* of the 13th Inſtant, which ſay, they had no account of any Forces being on their march from *Mojſcory* to *Livonia*.

Copenhagen, May 29. We have received Advice by a Yacht come from the *Daniſh* Fleet, Commanded by the Count of *Guldenleew*, that they are cruizing off the Iſle of *Bornholme*, in order to obſerve the motions of the *Swediſh* Fleet. Commiſſions are given out for raiſing 3 Regiments of Horſe and 2 of Dragoons, which the Colonels who are to command them are to have compenſat as ſoon as poſſibly they can.